

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the above-identified application, and were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1 and 12 were amended. Accordingly, claims 1-18 remain at issue.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Anticipation Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Rekimoto (U.S. Patent No. 6,636,249). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1, as amended, clarifies that the link position information comprises virtual space position information in a coordinate system that changes based on link movement in virtual space, as disclosed in the specification. (See page 11, lines 7-13). By contrast, in Rekimoto, the position information represents a position in the real world. (See col. 7, lines 26-27.) Rekimoto does not disclose or suggest that the link position information comprises virtual space position information in a coordinate system that changes based on link movement in virtual space, as required by claim 1. Because claim 1 includes a limitation that is not disclosed or suggested by Rekimoto, claim 1, and claims 2-11 that depend from claim 1, are allowable over Rekimoto. For similar reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 12-18 are also allowable over Rekimoto. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

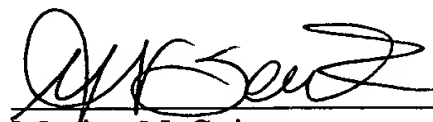
II. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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